

The Crucible, Act III, by Arthur Miller

Selection Test A

Critical Reading Identify the letter of the choice that best answers the question.

- ___ 1. As *The Crucible*, Act III begins, what categories do Martha and Hathorne represent?
- A. Christians and non-Christians
 - B. liars and people who do not lie
 - C. accusers and those who are accused
 - D. witches and non-witches
- ___ 2. Why does John Proctor bring Mary Warren to court in *The Crucible*, Act III?
- A. to prove he does not believe in witches
 - B. to prove the court is not a just court
 - C. to save Elizabeth from judgment
 - D. to show that Parris is a fraud
- ___ 3. How does Proctor behave toward Danforth during his questioning in *The Crucible*, Act III?
- A. joyfully
 - B. meanly
 - C. lovingly
 - D. respectfully
- ___ 4. Which of these characters in *The Crucible*, Act III unknowingly does harm by cooperating in an unjust process?
- A. Ezekiel Cheever
 - B. Mary Warren
 - C. John Proctor
 - D. Reverend Parris
- ___ 5. Why is Giles Corey's refusal to name names important in *The Crucible*, Act III?
- A. It shows him to be someone guilty of non-cooperation.
 - B. It shows that he is the one who acts honorably, not the court.
 - C. It shows that he does not have as much knowledge as he thought.
 - D. It shows that the court has asked him a question too difficult to answer.

- ___ 6. Why does John Proctor say to Frances Nurse in *The Crucible, Act III* that he wishes she had some “evil” in her so that she could “know” him?
- A. He wishes she were not so good, because she makes him look bad.
 - B. He wishes she were evil so that she would be arrested.
 - C. He wishes he had never met her, because she hates him.
 - D. He wishes she were enough like him so she understood him.
- ___ 7. Why is Elizabeth’s denial that John is lustful an example of dramatic irony in *The Crucible, Act III*?
- A. She says it to protect John but ends up condemning him.
 - B. She says it to keep herself from being embarrassed in public.
 - C. She says it because she does not know he has been unfaithful.
 - D. She says it to prove that Abigail is unimportant to John.
- ___ 8. In *The Crucible, Act III*, why does Mary Warren change her testimony and join Abigail and the other girls?
- A. She is tormented by Danforth’s questions and accusations.
 - B. She is frightened when Abigail pretends to be attacked by Mary’s spirit.
 - C. She is disgusted by Proctor’s admission of his relationship with Abigail.
 - D. She is afraid that Abigail will no longer be her friend.
- ___ 9. Why is the use of the phrase “out of her infinite charity” to describe Abigail an example of dramatic irony in *The Crucible, Act III*?
- A. The audience is unaware of Abigail’s true character.
 - B. The audience is completely aware of Abigail’s true character.
 - C. The audience realizes that Abigail has become a better person.
 - D. The audience expects Abigail to accuse Mary of witchcraft.
- ___ 10. Which two characters in *The Crucible, Act III* could be classified as true villains?
- A. Proctor and Abigail
 - B. Abigail and Reverend Parris
 - C. Danforth and Hathorne
 - D. Danforth and Reverend Parris

Vocabulary and Grammar

- ___ 11. Which word best replaces *contentious* in this sentence: “The *contentious* witness was told to stop disagreeing with the judge”?
- A. respectful
 - B. frightening
 - C. argumentative
 - D. pale

___ 12. In which inverted sentence are the subject and verb in agreement?

- A. Here comes more witnesses.
- B. Being questioned are John Proctor.
- C. Reading the role of Elizabeth are Carol.
- D. Now there are girls in the room.

Essay

13. In the third act of *The Crucible*, Abigail and the other girls persuade Danforth that they see the Devil and other evil spirits. Is Abigail like the other girls? How are they like her, and how are they different from her? Write a brief essay to answer these questions.
14. In Act III of *The Crucible*, Danforth first tells the girls that the Bible condemns a witch to death and a liar to hell. Then he asks them to tell the truth about whether they have either practiced witchcraft or lied about practicing witchcraft. In a brief essay, explain why Danforth has made it impossible for the girls to tell the truth about what they have done.